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## BENNIE BOCK'S DAUGHTER PASSES AWAY

SERVICESTOMORROW IN LOCKHART

### IN MEMORIAM

~Requiescat in pace~

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He has me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters. He revives my soul; He guides me on paths of righteousness for His glory. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no harm, For you are with me ... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall abide in the house of the Lord forever.

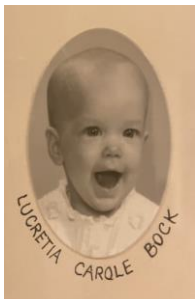
- Psalm 23



### Lucretia Carole Bock

Daughter of Benny & Kathy Bock

A graveside service will be performed Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:30 am at the Lockhart Municipal Burial Park, where she wanted to be buried next to her grandmother Sue, at the intersection of Flores and Hwy 183 (Colorado St.) in Lockhart, TX. A Celebration of Life will be Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 2:30 pm at the Legacy Church New Braunfels, 2002 Spur St. in New Braunfels, TX.



Lucretia Carole Bock

Composite photo – 64<sup>th</sup> session 1975

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/24764774/lucretia-carole-bock/new-braunfels/texas/lux-funeral-home-and-cremation-services>

### HOUSE AND SENATE CHAPLAINS

#### What Happened?

The Texas House had a chaplain in the 5<sup>th</sup> Session in 1853 and each session thereafter until the 76<sup>th</sup> session in 1999 according to records in the Legislative Reference Library. A Chaplain was appointed in the 86<sup>th</sup> session in 2019.

The Texas Senate had a chaplain in the 5<sup>th</sup> session until the 69<sup>th</sup> session in 1985. Why was this practice suspended? Both the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate have chaplains as Benjamin Franklin so wisely advised during the Continental Congress. Numerous former members have asked about this. Below is the current Chaplain of the U.S. House, the first female chaplain in the history of Congress.

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### Opening Prayer

05/03/2022

Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben

### Rear Admiral(Ret.) USN

Good Shepherd, may we hear You speak this day. In the voices of those around us—friends, colleagues, counselors, may we hear Your words of love, support, and challenge. Speak through them in ways we can understand.

Raise Your voice above the noise of cynicism and distrust, that we would instead be inclined to hope and mutual support. Make Your appeal to grace and mercy louder and more compelling that we would ignore the distractions of power and greed.

We pray the wisdom to know Your voice when the cacophony of life attempts to disguise and silence Your guidance. But hearing the familiarity of Your voice, may we strive to follow it wherever You lead us.

For You, O Lord, care for us deeply. You will not let the righteous out of Your sight. Your hedge of protection surrounds us. No one will snatch us out of Your hand. We, the sheep of Your fold, are held closely in Your endless care. We are bound by Your boundless love. We are embraced in Your everlasting arms.

In this may we find our strength this day. In Your merciful name we pray. Amen.

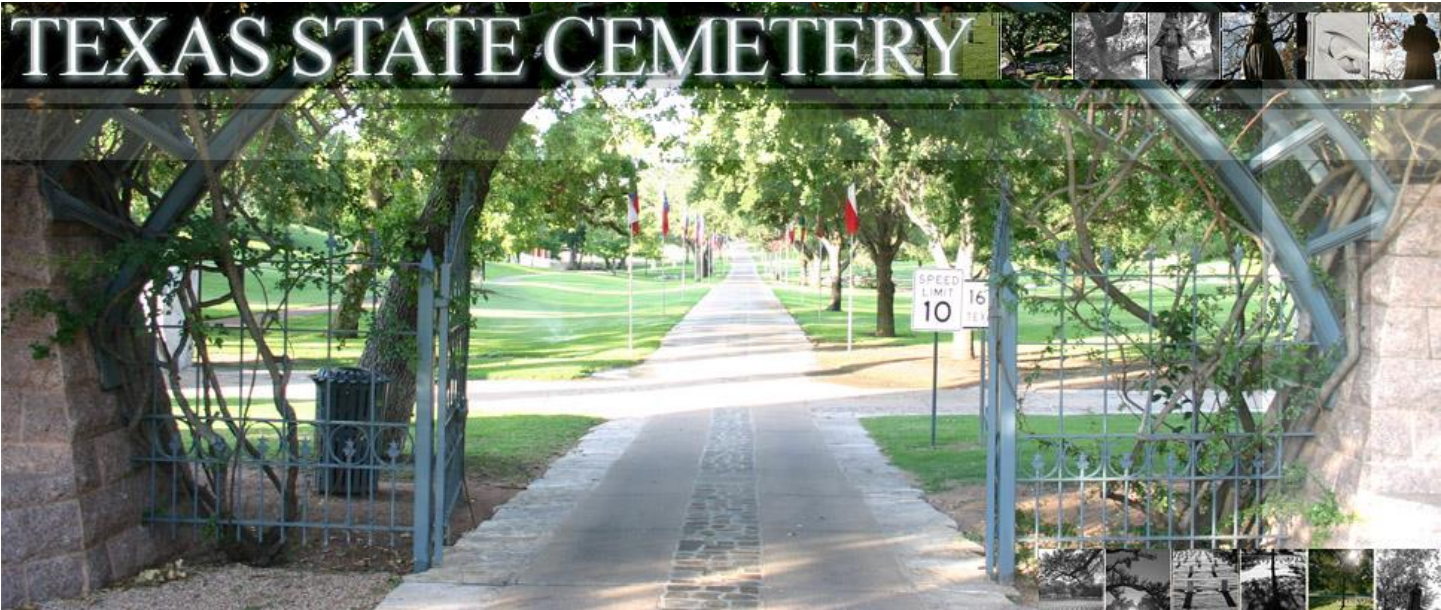
<https://history.house.gov/People/Office/Chaplains/>

# MEMBERS RECOVERING

Our colleagues who were injured or with illness, are recovering and doing as well as could be expected. Please keep Bennie Bock, Judge Orlando Garcia, Mark Stiles, Jim Parker, Barry Telford, and Leticia Van de Putte in your thoughts as they recover and return to their families and occupation as we hopefully emerge from this pandemic. Judge Nowlin indicates he is well enough and wants to move on, but thanks us all.



For the first time in over twenty-five years the Texas State Cemetery has created a new Master Plan and will be undergoing needed changes to keep this unique Texas landmark up to date by initiating needed reform. Bob Bullock would be very pleased with the leadership of Roderick Welsh, head of the State Preservation Board and Nathan Stephens head of the State Cemetery.

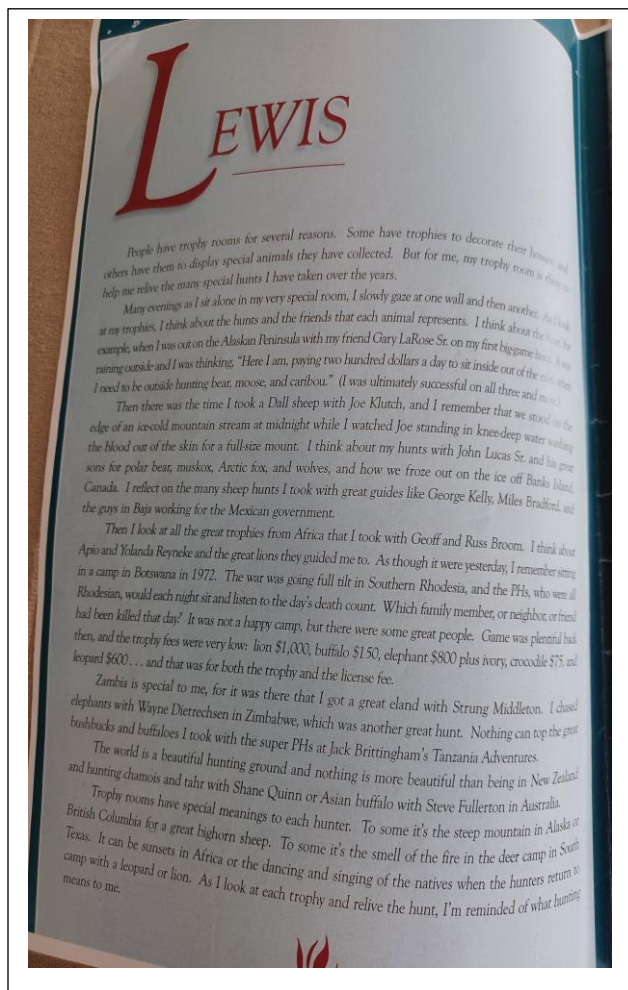


Texas State Cemetery Master Plan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t--b7wf4pcP6Rw1ctRKz4ai1xM-sGDe0/view>



# The Big Game Hunter



**Not** many have a trophy room like this. As a Former member of the Boone and Crockett Club, Former Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis has always maintained the highest standards of ethics and conservation of wildlife; hunting to to help preserve and manage populations of various species. Established in 1887 by Teddy Roosevelt this club was founded by hunters dedicated to the preservation of wildlife. Their work presaged the creation of national parks

such as Glacier, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon. So, like most things it's not what it appears. It is the mission of people like this to promote the conservation and management of wildlife, especially big game, and its habitat, to preserve and encourage hunting and to maintain the highest ethical standards of fair chase and sportsmanship in North America.



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CORBIN VAN ARSDALE  
DOES NOT SEEK REELECTION



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<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2022/05/07/penniman-morin-incumbents-lead-cedar-park-mayor-council-races/9665977002/>

<https://www.kvue.com/article/money/economy/boomtown-2040/cedar-park-georgetown-americas-most-livable-small-cities/269-50884d48-f4c0-4f5e-88bd-8583e0c572b9>



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## On this day in history, May 11

- [1910](#) – An act of the U.S. Congress establishes [Glacier National Park](#) in Montana.<sup>[16]</sup>
- [1943](#) – [World War II](#): American troops [invade Attu Island](#) in the Aleutian Islands in an attempt to expel occupying Japanese forces.<sup>[17]</sup>
- [1945](#) – World War II: Off the coast of Okinawa, the aircraft carrier [USS Bunker Hill](#) is hit by two kamikazes.<sup>[18]</sup>
- [1960](#) – [Adolf Eichmann](#) is captured by the [Mossad](#) in Argentina.<sup>[19]</sup>
- [1963](#) – Racist bombings in [Birmingham, Alabama](#), disrupt nonviolence in the Birmingham campaign and precipitate [a crisis](#) involving federal troops.<sup>[20]</sup>
- [1970](#) – The [1970 Lubbock tornado](#) kills 26 and causes \$250 million in damage.<sup>[21]</sup>
- [1973](#) – Citing government misconduct, Daniel Ellsberg's charges for his involvement in releasing the [Pentagon Papers](#) to *The New York Times* are dismissed.<sup>[22]</sup>
- [1985](#) – Fifty-six spectators die and more than 200 are injured in the [Bradford City stadium fire](#).<sup>[23]</sup>
- [1987](#) – [Klaus Barbie](#) goes on trial in [Lyon](#) for war crimes committed during [World War II](#).<sup>[24]</sup>
- [1996](#) – After the aircraft's departure from Miami, a fire started by improperly handled chemical oxygen generators in the cargo hold of Atlanta-bound [ValuJet Airlines Flight 592](#) causes the Douglas DC-9 to crash in the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 on board.<sup>[25]</sup>
- [1997](#) – [Deep Blue](#), a chess-playing supercomputer, defeats Garry Kasparov in the [last game](#) of the rematch, becoming the first computer to beat a world-champion chess player in a classic match format.<sup>[26]</sup>
- [1998](#) – India conducts [three underground atomic tests](#) in Pokhran.<sup>[27]</sup>
- [2000](#) – [Second Chechen War](#): Chechen separatists [ambush](#) Russian paramilitary forces in the [Republic of Ingushetia](#).<sup>[28]</sup>
- [2010](#) – [David Cameron](#) takes office as [Prime Minister of the United Kingdom](#) as the [Conservatives](#) and [Liberal Democrats](#) form [the country's first coalition government since the Second World War](#).<sup>[29]</sup>
- [2011](#) – An [earthquake of magnitude 5.1](#) hits [Lorca, Spain](#).<sup>[30]</sup>
- [2013](#) – Fifty-two people are killed in a [bombing in Reyhanlı, Turkey](#).<sup>[31]</sup>
- [2014](#) – Fifteen people are killed and 46 injured in Kinshasa in a [stampede](#) caused by tear gas being thrown into soccer stands by police officers.<sup>[32]</sup>
- [2016](#) – One hundred and ten people are killed [in an ISIL bombing in Baghdad](#).<sup>[33]</sup>

## Dome Boy's Blog



Thanks to all of you for reading The Capitol Post. I hope you are enjoying being able to stay current with our former colleagues and current events.

We extend our profound sympathy to Bennie Bock over the loss of his daughter Lucretia. Bennie, we're thinking of you and your family.

The House and Senate Chaplain story is interesting. As you know we have had Chaplains at the Capitol since 1846 until the late 1990s. Not taking a position or stir controversy just an interesting footnote at the Capitol. Why have we changed after so many years?

At the Continental Congress Ben Franklin made a speech known as The Miracle in Philadelphia. "We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it." [Psalm 127:1a] I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and bye word down to future ages."

We have had some great discussions about lineage, or "family dynasties." I heard a great one recently from Doug Miller. Their son in law is Rep. Andrew Murr. His grandfather was Gov. Coke Stevenson. Andrew is married to the Miller's daughter Amanda. They have three children whose Texas Capitol lineage includes a Governor, their dad a State Representative, and their grandfather, (Doug) also a State Representative. Speaking of Doug, he told me a great story about Bob Krueger, who recently passed away. Bob was leaving his post as Ambassador to Burundi and was thanking all the staff at the embassy. He told his chef how great he was and that he hoped he would see him again. The chef replied, sir you will not see me again because when you leave, me and my family will be killed by the opposing forces. Krueger used his contacts and today that family are upstanding residents of New Braunfels.

I heard recently that Odessa is said to have been named after [Odessa, Ukraine](#), because of the local [shortgrass prairie](#)'s resemblance to Ukraine's [steppe](#) landscape

I'm still amazed at Speaker Lewis going to Ethiopia recently on a hunting trip. He hiked ten to fifteen miles a day. Gib, as they say, is no spring chicken. Way to go Mr. Speaker. Well, until next time!

Mike

## Texas House of Representatives

The House of Representatives of the First Legislature elected a chaplain on Feb. 17th, 1846. We have been able to document the office of House Chaplain for most sessions between the 1st and 87th Legislatures:

- 87th: no chaplain appointed as a permanent officer of the House
- 86th: Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin
- 76th - 85th: no chaplain appointed as a permanent officer of the House
  
- 69th-75th: Dr. Gerald Mann
- 67th-68th: Father Fred Bomar
- 66th: Dr. Gerald Mann
- 65th: R.B. Hall
- 63rd-64th: Dr. Ralph M. Smith
- 60th-62nd: Clinton Kersey
- 54th-59th: only temporary chaplains appointed.
- 52nd-53rd: Rev. James H. Clark
- 50th - 51st: Rev. J.H. Clark (Rev. J.H. Clark was named Chaplain during the 50th)
- 43rd-50th: Rev. George W. Coltrin
- 42nd: John W. Holt
- 35th-41st: Rev. J.C. Mitchell
- 34th: Rev. H.M. Whaling
- 32nd: Rev. J.M. Renick
- 30th-31st: Rev. W.J. Joyce
- 28th-29th: Rev. L.L. Tucker
- 26th-27th: Rev. W.J. Gatlin
- 24th-25th: Rev. Dr. J.A. Jackson
- 23rd: Rev. D. Pennington
- 21st-22nd: Rev. H.W. Dodge
- 20th: Dr. F.T. Mitchell
- 18th-19th: Rev. J.W. Poindexter
- 17th: Rev. B.W. Brown
- 16th: Rev. F.W. Pattie
- 15th: Rev. C.A. Stanton
- 14th: Rev. John F. Hillyer
- 13th: Rev. John L. Lovejoy
- 12th: Rev. B.A. Rogers
- 11th: Rev. W.G. Veal
- 10th: Right Reverend Alex Gregg
- 7th: Rev. James C. Wilson
- 6th: Holloway Power
- 5th: Rev. Mr. Craig

According to the House, Gerald Mann was the last paid House chaplain; he was on the payroll until 1973.

## Senate of the State of Texas

The practice of selecting a specific person to serve as pastor has been documented for the 5th through 67th Legislatures:

- 76th: Reverend Dr. James L. Mayfield is referred to as Senate Chaplain on several dates. It is not clear when or by what means he was appointed.

- 75th: Reverend John R. Pitts is listed as Senate Chaplain on several dates; it is not clear when or by what means he was appointed.
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We have searched in the Senate Journals for the 69th - 87th Legislatures, and found a few additional sessions in which someone is referred to as Senate Chaplain, but it's not clear when or how the appointment was made. No chaplain was included in the list of officers in the Caucus Reports adopted at the beginning of the session, and I have not found a SR that appoints a chaplain for these sessions, or anything in the Journals addressing the appointment or selection of a Senate Chaplain.

- 68th: Senate chaplain will be provided by Austin Council of Churches, Senate Journal, p. 5.
- 67th: Gerald Mann, on a non-salary basis, Senate Journal, p. 5.
- 66th: Gerald Mann, on a non-salary basis, Senate Journal, p. 4 (SR 1).
- 52nd-62nd: W.H. Townsend
- 51st: Frank Luker
- 49th-50th: J.E. Chester
- 47th-48th: S.B. Culpepper
- 45th-46th: Theodore Drees
- 41st-44th: W.H. Doss
- 40th: W.H. Doss and Randolph Clark. Both are listed in Senate Journal.
- 39th: Dr. Randolph Clark
- 38th: T.M. Dalton
- 35th-37th: S.H. Morgan
- 29th-34th: H.M. Sears
- 27th-28th: I.S. Davenport
- 26th: W.C. Denson
- 25th: F.S. Jackson
- 24th: Dr. Richard K. Smoot
- 23rd: Dr. G.W. Briggs
- 18th-22nd: Dr. Richard K. Smoot
- 17th: F.C. Wilkes
- 16th: C.C. Chaplin
- 15th: John L. Lovejoy
- 12th-14th: R.H. Taliafero
- 11th: J.W. Phillips
- 10th: Mr. Landford
- 9th: W.A. Smith
- 8th: Wm. H. Seat
- 7th: Edward Fontaine
- 6th: Mr. Wesson
- 5th: John W. Phillips
- 4th: no chaplain listed. Senate passed resolution dividing daily prayer among Christian pastors in city. Senate Journal pp. 8, 11, 13-14.

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I was thinking the other day of all the legislators with whom we’ve served and this song came to me. We’ll close with this.

**George Jones – Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes**

<https://youtu.be/vxHiRqnY7zA>